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Court junks Sulpicio suit to stop hearing

By Alfaon W. Lopez, Jerome Aning and Leila B. Salaverria

THE MANILA REGIONAL TRIAL COURT yesterday dismissed for lack of merit a petition by Sulpicio Lines Inc. to stop the Board of Marine Inquiry (BMI) from investigating the sinking of the MV Princess of the Stars.

In a three-page decision, Judge Antonio Eugenio Jr. of Manila RTC Branch 24 said the power and duty of the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) revealed

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

25 Coast Guard divers return to Sibuyan

By Leila B. Salaverria

AFTER GETTING A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH following a chemical contamination scare, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) divers yesterday left Manila for Sibuyan Island to prepare for operations to retrieve fatalities entombed in the sunken MV Princess of the Stars.

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TROUBLED WATERS Nearly a thousand fishermen and villagers from San Fernando town, Sibuyan Island, on board about 70 boats circle the upturned MV Princess of the Stars on Thursday morning to press officials of Sulpicio Lines to hurry up and refloat its ship so they could get back their livelihood and get on with their lives. Since learning about the toxic materials on board, authorities have banned fishermen from fishing. (Story on Page A1E)

Neri under attack again

But says executive privilege to stay with him for life

By Michael Lim Ubac and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

BACK IN THE PUBLIC GLARE, Romulo Neri yesterday insisted that he was qualified to serve as administrator of the Social Security System, and that criticisms of his new appointment were "unfair."

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said Neri's appointment to a Cabinet-rank position was clearly intended to give him the right to invoke executive privilege in parrying questions in the stalled Senate inquiry into the NBN-ZTE deal and Ms Arroyo's involvement in it.

"The appointment is meant to prevent Neri from further spilling the beans on Gloria Arroyo," the senator said.

Asked if he would be willing to tell all if summoned anew by the Senate to shed light on the bribe-tainted deal, Neri said: "Executive privilege will stay with me for the rest of my life. It will stay because [the NBN-ZTE scandal] happened when I was a Cabinet member."

"My record in government speaks for itself," Neri, the reluctant witness in the scrapped National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp., said in an ambush interview in Malacañang.

"They (critics) could check my biodata. They could check on how I per-

NERI UNDER ATTACK/A6



"I'M NOT POLITICAL," says SSS president/CEO Corazon dela Paz during the press briefing on Thursday.

SSS president: Let us give Neri a chance

By Michelle V. Remo

THE OUTGOING ADMINISTRATOR OF the Social Security System does not personally know the man who will replace her, but she thinks the public should give him a chance to prove himself worthy of his appointment.

"I am not close to [Romulo] Neri, but I think he has what it takes to be a good SSS president. Let us give him a chance. I believe he will do good," Corazon dela Paz said yesterday at a press conference held in Makati City, her last at her post.

"He even graduated magna cum laude from UP (University of the Philippines), while I am only from UE

SSS PRESIDENT/A6



HOT TOPIC Once more, Romulo Neri is the talk of the town for his controversial appointment as head of the SSS. No, he's not in the Palace with President Arroyo to take his oath of office. That isn't until Aug. 1. Among his last chores as CHEd chair is the signing at the Palace on Thursday of the memorandum of understanding between the Philippines and Busan, South Korea, which will donate to CHEd, Tesda and DepEd $4M worth of equipment in exchange for a specialized English training program for Korean teachers.

GMA orders Isafp to monitor unrest

By Michael Lim Ubac and Tina G. Santos

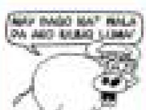
WITH FUEL PRICES HITTING THE roof, President Macapagal-Arroyo has resorted to measures ostensibly aimed at preventing food and fuel riots from rocking the capital and key cities across the country.

Under Executive Order No. 731, the President tapped the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) to monitor the "political and security developments" triggered by the weekly oil price increases.

Ms Arroyo issued the EO on June 7, about three weeks after crude oil soared to a new record high above $127 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Copies of the EO were released only yesterday, when hundreds of students from different universities in Manila walked out of their classes to show their disgust over government's failure to stop the series of oil price increases.

GMA ORDERS/A18



Faster, cheaper iPhone draws hordes globally

NEW YORK—THE NEW iPhone is expected to attract hordes of buyers when it goes on sale today in more than 20 countries, helping Apple Inc. handily beat its target to sell 10 million of the mobile device by the end of 2008.

The much-anticipated smart phone has faster Web links than the first iPhone, supports third-party software like games, and is being heavily subsidized by many phone carriers, with some even giv-

IAPPLE/A21

Sulu cop chief admits second ransom paid

By Alcuin Papa

THE POLICE CHIEF OF SULU has admitted that a second ransom was paid for the release of the ABS-CBN news team kidnapped in the province last month.

In a complete turnaround from his statements to the Inquirer in June, Senior Supt. Julasirim Kasim said in a statement submitted to the Philippine National Police's Criminal Investigation and Detection

SULU/A21



REALITY DRILL A rescue worker wearing a hazardous chemical suit pulls a mock victim during an earthquake response exercise at Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. The Philippines sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire and authorities periodically conduct emergency response exercises. AP

CHR sets dev't for 3 most neglected tribes

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE MOUNTAIN DWELLERS OF Ibaloan, Benguet, may soon enjoy well-paved roads that would allow them easy access to medicines, education and electricity.

Food and education will be the least of the problems of the Badjaos, the boat-dwelling people in Sulu, Basilan and Zamboanga, while residents of a war zone in Agusan del Sur will slowly regain control of their homes and lands.

CHR SETS/A16

69 bishops back Panlilio plunder case vs Bong Pineda

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

ANGELES CITY—A PLUNDER case filed by Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio against suspected "jueteng" lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda with the Ombudsman has the blessings of at least 69 bishops.

In a letter of appeal they signed, the bishops asked the antigraft body to "really attend to the merits" of the case filed by Panlilio, a Catholic priest on leave from his ministry, on June 23.

Pampanga Bishop Pablo Virgilio David yesterday said the 69 signatories were among the 80 bishops who attended the plenary assembly of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) last weekend.

The bishops asked the Ombudsman in their letter to look into the participation of Pineda in the plunder case for which ousted President Joseph Estra-

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Maid says she thought of suicide

Baja lawyer says she's using case to justify her stay in US

NEW YORK—A FILIPINA immigrant who accused a former Philippines ambassador to the United Nations and his family of enslaving her as a house maid and subjecting her to abuse, said Wednesday her ordeal led her to contemplate suicide.

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DFA reviewing rules on diplomats' conduct

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HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT

Mindanao teener tells of nightmare in Saudi



By Leila Salaverria

LIKE MANY OTHER FILIPINOS SEEKING A better life, this Mindanao teener's quest turned into a nightmare.

At the tender age of 17, Hatum already experienced a lifetime's worth of heartaches during her stint as a domestic helper in the Middle East.

Forced to work in Saudi Arabia by her father, she had to contend with the fact that she would no longer be able to go to school and would instead take care of her Saudi employer's children.

Her ordeal started even before she could be turned over to her Saudi employer. Her agent had sexually molested her. When she finally started working for her employer, it got worse. One day soon after she had arrived, her employer called her into his bedroom and told her she had been bought for 10,000 riyals and then raped her several times.

She was able to muster enough courage to confide the incidents to her 'boss' wife, but the latter failed to help her and even locked up the house to prevent her from leaving.

"The employer raped me many times. I told everything to madam. The whole family, madam, the employer, they didn't want me to go. They locked the doors and gates," she was quoted as saying.

Treated really badly

Hatum eventually escaped and sought the help of the Philippine embassy, who brought her to a shelter run by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Her employer was jailed and she refused his offer of an out-of-court settlement.

Not wanting to go home empty handed, the teenaged girl waited nine months for justice, only to be told that the case had been thrown out of court and that she would be deported to the Philippines.

"I was treated really badly. It is as if I don't have a family and I am not a human being," she said.

According to the Human Rights Watch report, which detailed Hatum's story, she is just one of many domestic workers in Saudi Arabia who are subjected to abuse to the point of slavery and sexual violence.

In most instances, many abused women decided not to seek justice for fear spurious charges of theft or "witchcraft" would be filed against them.

Domestic workers account for 20-26 percent of Filipinos in Saudi Arabia, but they account for more than 90 percent of problems, said the report, quoting diplomats in the Philippine Embassy.

Human Rights Watch

In its 133-page report released Tuesday, the Human Rights Watch urged Saudi Arabia to implement labor, immigration and criminal justice reforms to protect the workers, saying employers often face no punishment for such abuses.

The report said that rather than receiving justice, domestic workers—most of them migrants from Asia—are more likely to face counter-charges of witchcraft, theft or adultery.

"In the best cases, migrant women in Saudi Arabia enjoy good working conditions and kind employers, and in the worst they're treated like virtual slaves. Most fall somewhere in between," said Nisha Varia, senior researcher in the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch.

According to the report, the kingdom employs an estimated 1.5 million domestic workers, primarily from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Nepal. Smaller numbers come from other countries in Asia and from Africa. They are denied rights afforded to other workers under Saudi labor laws, Human Rights Watch said.

'Unfair, one-sided'

"The Saudi government should extend labor law protections to domestic workers and reform the visa sponsorship system so that women desperate to earn money for their families don't have to gamble with their lives," Varia said.

But [illegible] of Saudi Arabia's National Society for Human Rights dismissed the report as "unfair and one-sided."

"I wish that when rights groups do these reports they would listen to both sides of the story," Hamand told The Associated Press. "We're being unjustly portrayed and the crimes against us by the workers are never mentioned."

Hamand said crime rates in the kingdom have increased in recent years because of crimes committed by foreign workers. The country is also home to 8.0 million foreign workers employed in sectors such as oil, business and engineering.

"They smuggle drugs, they turn apartments into liquor factories, they practice prostitution, they steal and sometimes they kill," she said.

'We suffer, too'

"It's true that some of the workers suffer, but we also as a society are suffering from them too," she added.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch said its report, "As If I Am Not Human: Abuses against Asian Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia," concluded two years of research and was based on 142 interviews with domestic workers, senior government officials and labor recruiters in Saudi Arabia and labor-sending countries.

While no reliable statistics exist on the exact number of abuse cases, the Saudi Ministry of Social Affairs and the embassies of labor-sending countries shelter thousands of domestic workers with complaints against their employers or recruiters each year, the report said.

"Excessive workload and unpaid wages, for periods ranging from a few months to 10 years, are among the most common complaints," said the report. "The kingdom's Labor Law excludes domestic workers, denying them rights guaranteed to other workers, such as a weekly rest day and overtime pay."

18-hour workday

It said many domestic workers must work 18 hours a day seven days a week. The group said it interviewed dozens of women who said their employers forced them to work against their will for months or years.

After interviews with 86 domestic workers, Human Rights Watch concluded that 36 faced abuses that amounted to forced labor, trafficking or slavery-like conditions.

"Employers often take away passports and lock workers in the home, increasing their isolation and risk of psychological, physical, and sexual abuse," said the report.

"The Saudi government has some good proposals for reform but it has spent years considering them without taking any action," Varia said. "It's now time to make these changes."

Human Rights Watch said the Saudi Ministry of Social Affairs, in cooperation with the police, operates a shelter in Riyadh to assist domestic workers to claim their wages and return home.

Unfair settlement

However, in many cases shelter staff negotiated unfair wage settlements, often forcing workers to forego back pay in exchange for their employer's permission to leave the country, it said.

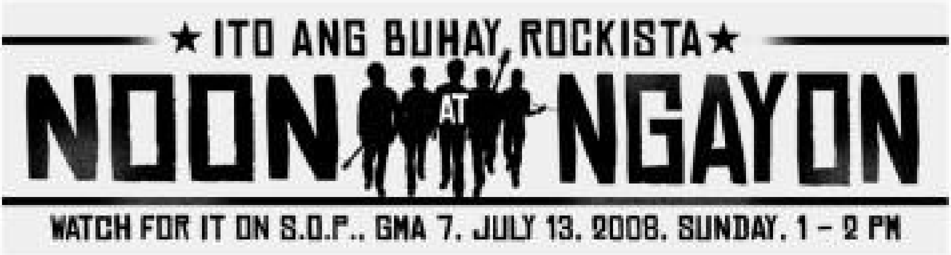
"Poor investigations and criminal proceedings that often stretch for years mean that abusive employers are rarely punished through the criminal justice system," said the report.

It cited the case of Nour Miyati, an Indonesian domestic worker who had her fingers and toes amputated as a result of being starved and beaten daily by her employers. After three years of proceedings, a Riyadh court dropped the charges against her employer despite the employer's confession, ample medical evidence and intense public scrutiny, said the report.

The report called on Saudi Arabia "to investigate and punish abusive employers and to protect domestic workers from spurious counter-charges."

It also urged the kingdom to cooperate more "effectively with labor-sending countries to monitor domestic workers' employment conditions, facilitate rescues, ensure recovery of unpaid wages, create shelters for survivors of abuse with comprehensive support services and arrange for timely repatriation."

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Mass to celebrate Alex Melchor death anniversary tomorrow



MELCHOR

Biazon is most absent, Jamby most tardy, Angara most traveled

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SEN. RODOLFO BIAZON IS THE LEADING absentee, Sen. Jamby Madrigal is the tardiest and Sen. Edgardo Angara is the most traveled among the 23 members of the Senate based on its latest journal of attendance.

Only four senators—Senate President Manny Villar and Senators Benigno Aquino III, Jinggoy Estrada and Juan Ponce Enrile— chalked up a perfect attendance at the session hall since the 14th Congress started on July 23 last year. (Jailed Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV has yet to attend his first Senate session.)

Biazon was absent for nine session days, the most among senators, followed closely by Sen. Loren Legarda with 7 session days.

Madrigal was late for 24 sessions or nearly a third of all the sessions with Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri second with 13 tardy days.

Angara was out of the session hall 27 times on official mission both here and abroad with Sen. Richard Gordon trailing closely with 19 session days on official mission.

Attendance in the Senate has become such a touchy issue among senators that Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile had proposed to review how absenteeism and tardiness are recorded.

Enrile complained that senators who were allowed to go on official missions were not listed as absent which was unfair to the senators who were physically present in the session hall.

Last month, Sen. Miriam Defensor was able to enforce new rules that would penalize senators who were frequently absent or late that have sometimes contributed to the delay in the passage of a bill.

Based on the rule changes, the absence of a senator would be deemed as a waiver of his right to debate the pros and cons of a bill and the session would start promptly at 3 o'clock p.m. even without a quorum.







Neri under attack again



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By Riza T. Olchondra

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SC rebuffs Chavez anew

By Jerome Aning

THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY rejected with finality a motion for reconsideration filed by former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez that questioned the legality of the 1993 Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) between the National Housing Authority and R-II Builders, Inc. (RBI), owned by construction mogul Reghis Romero II, for the reclamation and development of the Smokey Mountain dumpsite into a multibillion-peso cost housing project.

In a three-page resolution, the Supreme Court en banc said Chavez's motion for reconsideration was without merit because most of the issues he raised were old ones and discussing them would merely repeat the decision rendered by the high court on Aug. 17 last year.

The only new issue recognized by the court was Chavez's assertion that his petition should not be dismissed because the court itself has already asked NHA to disclose all information and papers regarding the project.

"The argument all the more serves to confirm this court's finding that the petition is without merit. Petitioner is saying that the petition will be supported by the information that will be revealed from the records of the NHA," the justices ruled.

Such should not be the case, they said, adding: "Petitioners must have a cause of action as basis for filing with this court as chosen on and agreed facts [and] with the admission that the facts to prop up the petition will still have to be procured from the NHA, then the petition is clearly baseless for want of factual support."

Small victory

Chavez had sued NHA, R-II Builders, Inc., R-II Holdings, Inc., Harbour Centre Port Terminal, Inc., and Romero barred from further implementing the project and enjoying rights, privileges, and interest from the project.

However, the court granted Chavez's petition for a writ of mandamus by allowing him access to all public documents and official records relative to the project.

Among the documents that Chavez sought to scrutinize were the JVA dated Mar. 19, 1993 between the NHA and RBI, and the subsequent agreements related to the JVA, the revisions of the original plan, and the additional works and reclamations made with respect to the project.

The NHA and RBI executed on Aug. 27, 2003 a memorandum of agreement to terminate the JVA and other subsequent agreements. Chavez claimed that RBI could not acquire the reclaimed lands because there was no law authorizing their sale.

The former solicitor general said the NHA had no legislative authority to reclaim land since such power belongs to the Public Estates Authority (PEA). He added that as a private corporation, RBI is prohibited by the Constitution from acquiring public land.

Chavez also said that Harbour Centre, being a private corporation whose majority stocks are owned and controlled by Romero's corporations, was disqualified from being a transferee of public land.

The Daily Gospel

Friday, July 11, 2008
14th Week in Ordinary Time
Benedict

1st Reading: Hos 14:2-10
Gospel: Mt 10:16-23

Jesus said to his disciples, "Look, I send you out like sheep among wolves. You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves. Be on your guard with respect to people, for they will hand you over to their courts and they will flog you in their synagogues. You will be brought to trial before rulers and kings because of me, and so you may witness to them and the pagans.

"But when you are arrested, do not worry about what you are to say or how you are to say it; when the hour comes, you will be given what you are to say. For it is not you who will speak, but it will be the Spirit of your Father in you.

"Brother will hand over brother to death, and a father his child; children will turn against parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but whoever stands firm to the end will be saved.

"When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. For sure, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Commentary

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Jamby lists 18 firms owned by late aunt



MADRIGAL

By Julie M. Aurelio

SEN. JAMBY MADRIGAL MAY have found some assets owned by her late aunt, Consuelo Madrigal-Collantes, that were not covered by the latter's last will and testament and in which, conceivably, she and other relatives may share.

Madrigal, through her lawyer Ernesto Francisco Jr., yesterday submitted to a Makati City court a list of 18 corporations owned by Collantes that her heirs other than those named in her will might be entitled to under the rules of legal succession.

"Hon. Madrigal manifests that the deceased Madrigal was the holder or owner of numerous shares of stock in various corporations, which are mostly realty companies and registered owners of numerous real estate," the five-page motion read.

In a manifestation submitted to Judge Oscar Pimentel of the Regional Trial Court Branch 148, Madrigal identified the firms as Aquatic Food Center Inc., Cirai Realty Corp., Chela Realty Corp., Chloe Realty Corp., Chirgo Realty Corp., C. Hito Realty Corp., Chiron Realty Corp., Chloe Realty Corp., Cicada Realty Corp., Cobo Realty Corp., Camalan Inc., Fuerte Holdings Inc., Marco Realty Corp., Mirasol Realty Corp., MCM Realty Corp., Pirita Realty Corp., Rialto Realty Co. Inc. and Sociear Real Estate Group.

"On the basis of the foregoing under, none of the properties of the deceased, including the said shares of stock and the properties of the said corporations, shall be transferred or in any manner disposed of without prior approval from the court," the manifestation read.

In a phone interview, Francisco said they were still in the process of identifying other corporations in which the Madrigal matriarch owned shares.

In a ruling dated July 3, Pimentel ordered lawyers Perry Pe and Aurelio Montinola III as executors of Collantes' will to begin administering the estate.

"Such letters testamentary shall cover only those expressly stated in the will of the decedent and to the extent of P20,134,137.23," the ruling said.

Pimentel said all other properties not included in the will or valued at more than P20 million shall be covered by the rules on legal succession.

"Meantime, no property of the decedent Consuelo P. Madrigal shall be disposed of without prior approval from this court," the ruling said.

Collantes died at her home in Forbes Park, Makati City, on March 24.

In her will, she left her estate to her husband ex-Foreign Minister Manuel Collantes, niece and Senator Madrigal's elder sister Ms. Susana Madrigal, grandnephew Vicente P. Quiros Wenn and niece Gloria M. Gonzalez-Montinola, wife of executor Montinola.

The senator had earlier sought to invalidate the will and opposed moves to put it into effect, claiming it might have been forged. She had believed her late aunt's estate was huge, much larger than P20 million.

Francisco said his client would no longer appeal the court ruling ordering the probate of the will to proceed, but would instead file a separate action to annul the probate, "firstly to prove that the will is not the true and valid will of the deceased."

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Light Trucks	980	625	**355**
Motorcycles	350	265	**85**

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Whoever tells you that the GSIS system is flawed can only be speaking for the "Insurance Buccaneers," as termed by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile. These sellers of fake CTPLs will lose billions of pesos once their RACKET is stopped by the clean, modern, efficient and accurate GSIS system.

PROTECT THE PUBLIC! OVERHAUL THE CTPL SYSTEM! SUPPORT THE GSIS CTPL SYSTEM NOW!

Idled Sibuyan fishermen hold fluvial protest



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Remove poison first

Across the NATION

Appointment of 70-yr-old exec starts changes by GMA in Clark

Erap visit changes Sibuyan scene

SAN FERNANDO, SIBUYAN ISLAND—IMAGES OF the tragedy that the sinking of MV Princess of the Stars brought to this small town were briefly replaced by scenes that, some villagers said, seemed to have sprung out of an election campaign.



Divers to start search for missing fishermen

Class suit planned over endosulfan use

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

Painful lesson

> 'The continued use of endosulfan... is tantamount to genocide...'

Breast milk

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CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA

World War II bombs found

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

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Baby needs help

Palawan execs see mining push in GMA order



BASICS

Kidnappers threaten to behead 4 linemen

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Faster, cheaper iPhone draws hordes ...

Price, distribution

Overwhelmed

Pent-up demand

Orders for new smart phone swamp Asian black markets



STEVE JOBS announced that the new Apple iPhone 3G would cost $199 in a speech at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco last month.

NEWS

11 Magdalo officers sacked from AFP

ELEVEN REBEL JUNIOR OFFICERS WERE ORDERED DISMISSED from the Armed Forces by a military court yesterday after they pleaded guilty to mounting a mutiny against President Macapagal-Arroyo during the failed coup of July 2003.

The junior officers from the Navy, Marines and the Air Force were part of the armed group of officers and enlisted men, calling themselves the Magdalo group, which seized the Oakwood Premier hotel in the Ayala financial district on July 27, 2003, in a bid to force the resignation of the President over corruption allegations.

The military tribunal said it found the 11 "guilty beyond reasonable doubt of the charge covered by Article of War conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" and sentenced them to be dismissed from the military service.

The 11 officers—Lts. (senior grade) James Layug, Eugene Louie Gonzales, Andy Torrato, and Manuel Cabochan, Lt. (junior grade) Arturo Pascua, and Ensign Armand Pontejos from the Navy; Capt. Gary Alejano and 2nd Lt. Jonnel Sanggalang from the Marines; and Capt. Segundino Orfiano Jr., and 1st Lts. Billy Pascua and Francisco Ashley Acedillo from the Air Force—stood stoically before the panel in their military uniforms as the sentence was read to them by Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Legaspi, the court martial president.

The charge against them, violation of Article of War 96, conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, carries a maximum penalty of discharge from the service.

Legaspi said the judgment and sentence would become become final and executory only "if and when approved by the President and Commander in Chief."

Moreover, the discharged rebel officers will continue to receive their salaries and benefits until the President gives the orders for these to be stopped.

But they will remain in detention as they are still on trial on coup d'etat charges in a civilian court for the July 2003 attempted coup, along with a Magdalo leader, Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, a former Navy lieutenant.

The 11 officers last month changed their plea from not guilty to guilty in the hope of getting a more lenient sentence.

Last May, the President pardoned nine other Magdalo conspirators after they pleaded guilty to military court and made a public apology.

Except for Acedillo, 10 of the 11 officers joined Trillanes and dissident Army Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, in seizing the Manila Peninsula Hotel in Makati on Nov. 29, 2007 in yet another attempt to force the ouster of the President.

The 10 officers are facing a military pretrial investigation for another possible court martial for joining the Manila Peninsula siege. They have also been charged with rebellion before a Makati court.

The rebel officers' lawyer, Ed. Abaya, said that until the military tribunal's verdict becomes final and executory, the AFP can still argue that it can prosecute them for the Peninsula siege because they were in active duty at the time.

Legaspi said the unanimous decision of the seven-man panel was reached through secret written ballots.

Still on trial

The remaining of the 11 junior officers leaves only Trillanes, fugitive Marine Capt. Nicanor Faeldon, and four other junior officers on trial before the military tribunal for the July 2003 failed coup, also known as the Oakwood mutiny. Faeldon escaped at the height of the Peninsula siege last November. *Nikko Dizon*

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METRO
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil



Overcrowding cause of infant deaths

Fact-finding team says Ospital ng Makati accepted too many newborns

HEALTH OFFICIALS CONCLUDED YESTERDAY that the deaths from infection of 23 newborn babies in May at the Ospital ng Makati could have been prevented if there was no overcrowding at the hospital.

Neonatal sepsis

Infection prevention

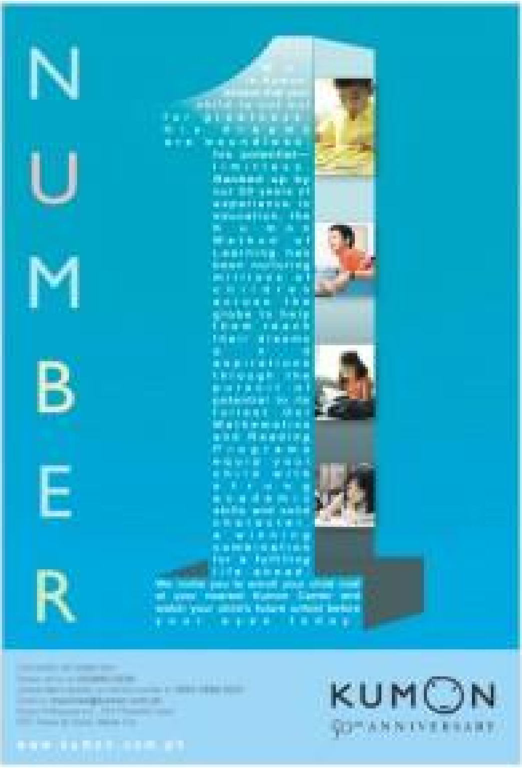
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CHEAP FOOD

Metro goes for efficient lighting

Huge savings



Police arrest 11 HS students holding pot session

By Jeannette I. Andrade

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Marikina policewomen teach children's rights

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Parañaque City has mobile excavator for trash

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Malabon cop in car theft case may face dismissal

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Thai gov't in disarray as foreign minister quits



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Pope the 'rock star' of World Youth Day in Sydney



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LEE

Soaring fuel prices force rethinking of suburbs in US

The WORLD

US plays down fears of war with Iran



WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES ON Wednesday played down any prospects of war with Iran or any immediate dangers from its nuclear drive but warned that the world was ready to confront its "provocative" policies.

Defiant Iran fires more missiles



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Eagles, Warriors overwhelm rivals /A29

SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres · Assistant Editor: Francis T.J. Ochoa



Leather, Pals face Realtors today

By Musong R. Castillo

ANTIPOLO—TERRENCE LEATHER GOT AWAY WITH A FINE, ensuring the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals of a complete lineup in their KO match with the Sta. Lucia Realtors today for the last quarterfinal berth in the Smart Pilipinas Cup.

> [illegible] / Talk 'N Text vs Sta. Lucia

Leather, though, will have to cough up P62,400 for his Wednesday night skirmish with Purefoods' Jondan Salvador. His suspension, handed down after a long meeting with league commissioner Renauld "Sonny" Barrios last night, would have been fatal for his team.

Barrios fined eight players involved in a melee sparked by the Leather-Salvador row a total of about P250,000.

"He [Leather] apologized to the team and the team wished to apologize to its fans and the PBA followers for his outburst," Talk 'N Text board representative Ricky Vargas told the Inquirer.

Talk 'N Text won the game, 96-89, to arrange the do-or-die duel with Sta. Lucia.

Salvador, on the other hand, showed that the incident could have been prevented by referees' calls.

After being slapped with a flagrant foul on the play, Leather retaliated by slamming the ball on the Salvador's head.

A total of seven technicals were called. Four were slapped on Purefoods, including one on James Yap, who smashed in a kick to Leather's leg. Yap was slapped a P50,000 fine while Rudy Hatfield, who threw a towel at Talk 'N Text players, will pay P30,000. Gilbert Lao and Michael Fermin of Talk 'N Text were fined P20,000 each for leaving their bench.

Yancy Villanueva was meted a P10,000 fine and teammate Rob Sison P20,000 for charging into the scene. Interestingly, Salvador got just a P1,000 fine.

The winner of the 7 p.m. duel sets a best-of-three series starting Sunday with Barangay Ginebra.

King reigns in Asian bowl



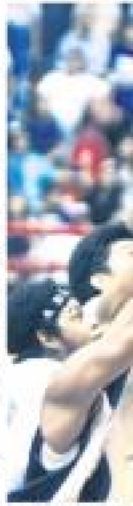
Ominous tuneup win for Arevalo

3 RP nines make World Series trip

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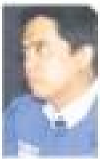




Eagles, Warriors overwhelm rivals

Letran eyes solo lead; 'Hot' Cards test Blazers

a mum on tech, flays Ateneo-La Salle referees





SPORTS



A SPECTATOR known as Didi and dressed as a devil, jumps beside a pack of riders during the fifth stage of the 95th Tour de France cycling race between Cholet and Chateauroux.

Cavendish tops fifth stage

Bong rises; Gomez up

Paul remains with Hornets



PAUL

Brand moves over to 76ers

SPORTSWATCH

Pasay cockfest fires off today

BUSINESS Friday
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino


LESSON 1. "Passion is making every part of the meal as perfect as it can be."


Lesson 2. "If you can't get the small things right what hope is there for the big stuff?"


LESSON 3.

The client relationship starts with letters and contact reports, continues with cups and glasses in conference rooms, goes on with details on invoices and spelling on envelopes. . .

Eight lessons on advertising from world class chef

By David Guevarra
Contributor

THE MOST AWARDed agency at the 2008 Cannes Festival was BBDO New York (and the most awarded network was BBDO Worldwide). And perhaps the single mastermind of this success is chairman and CEO Dave Lubars.

One of his cherished beliefs is that as advertising agencies we tend to behave like waiters. And what we should be doing is acting like chefs.

As he puts it: "A waiter just takes an order and delivers it. A great chef, on the other hand, can give the customers what they came in for, but also give them something they never knew they wanted. Ultimately people value chefs more than waiters."

I had this in mind when looking at a sumptuous picture book of celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay. He is one of the elite band of Three-Star Michelin chefs and a global TV personality. He is also a highly astute businessman—he is Scottish after all and, famously, owns a lot.

So what can those of us making a living out of the kitchen learn from someone who proved himself in one of the toughest, certainly hottest, working environments in the world? All quotes from Gordon Ramsay—as are the pictures.

Lesson 1. "Passion is making every part of the meal as perfect as it can be."

According to leading award show D&AD, the best work is a great idea that is well-executed, and appropriate to its medium.

This doesn't mean over-elaborating or over-complicating something. A piece of toast just has to be a good piece of toast. No more, no less.

As he puts it: 'We should never add anything just for the sake of ornament. Every garnish has to earn its place.'

Lesson 2. "If you can't get the

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Food, flowers for delivery via SMS



Eight lessons on advertising from world class chef

'Engagement' advertising: Say 'I do'





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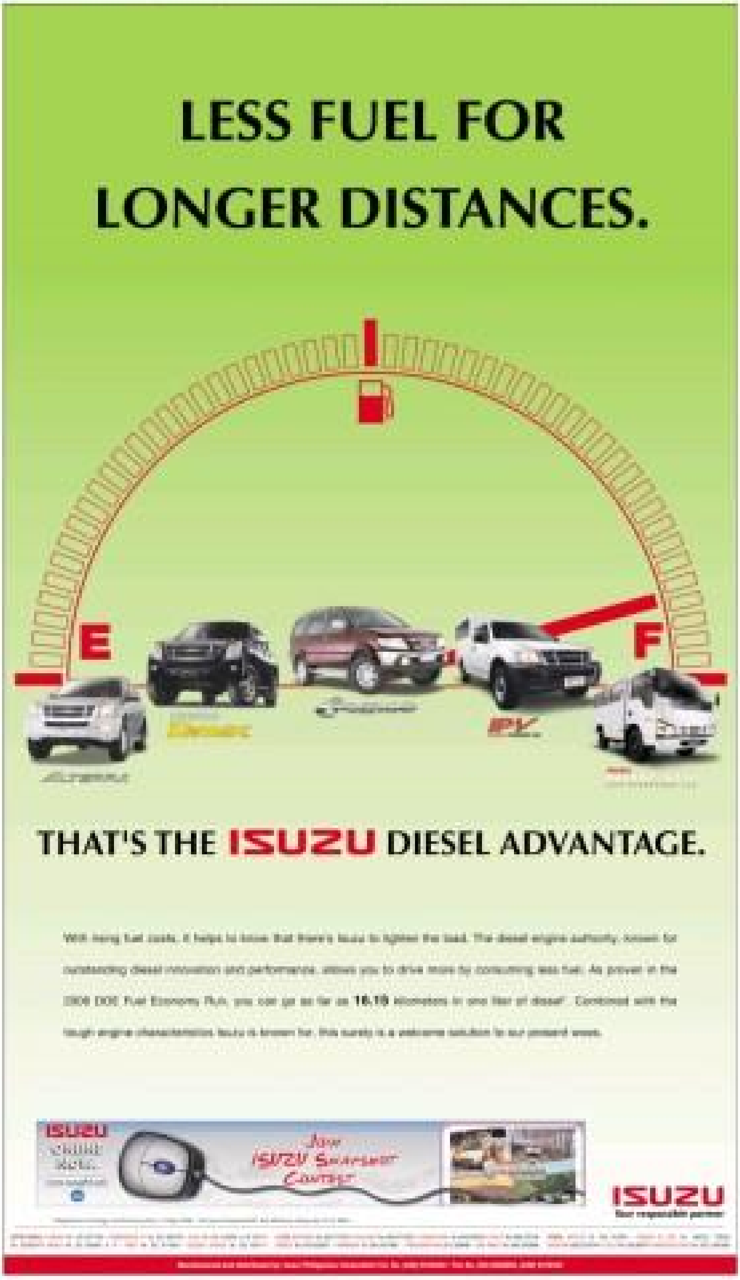
BUSINESS Friday

'What's the right corporate brand equity for my service company?'

MARKETING Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

Compose your brand equity claim in the words of your target consumers



LIFESTYLE FASHION

How inflation is affecting hair salons

Can people skip a hair cut and grooming?

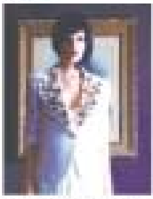


Another RP designer wins acclaim in London

31-year-old wins competition









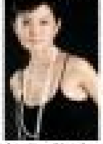

Another RP designer wins acclaim in London

Stylishly mannish

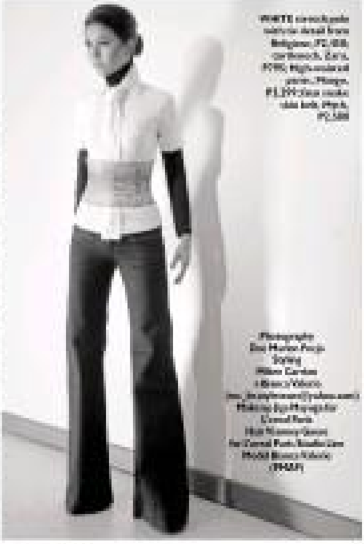
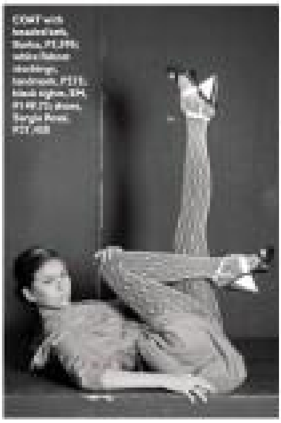
Raid your man's closet for pieces that you can make your own




APPLES' PICKINGS



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FASHION icon Katharine Hepburn went against the fashion tide by wearing pants rather than dresses.



SHARON Stone in her then-husband's Gap shirt

Go ahead, wear his pants

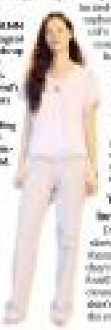
FASHION ICON KATHARINE Hepburn was way beyond her time when she dared to wear pants in-stead of skirts.

Sharon Stone placed Vera Wang and herself on the fashion map when she paired the designer's lavender ball gown skirt with her then husband's crisp white Gap shirt to the 1998 Oscars.

Lately, Filipino supermodel-turned-photographer [illegible]



Bianca Valerio,



JOANN [illegible] holding up her boyfriend's pants by folding the waistband.

You, too, can make stylish use of your man's wardrobe with these pointers:

White long-sleeve shirt

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Pants

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Accessories

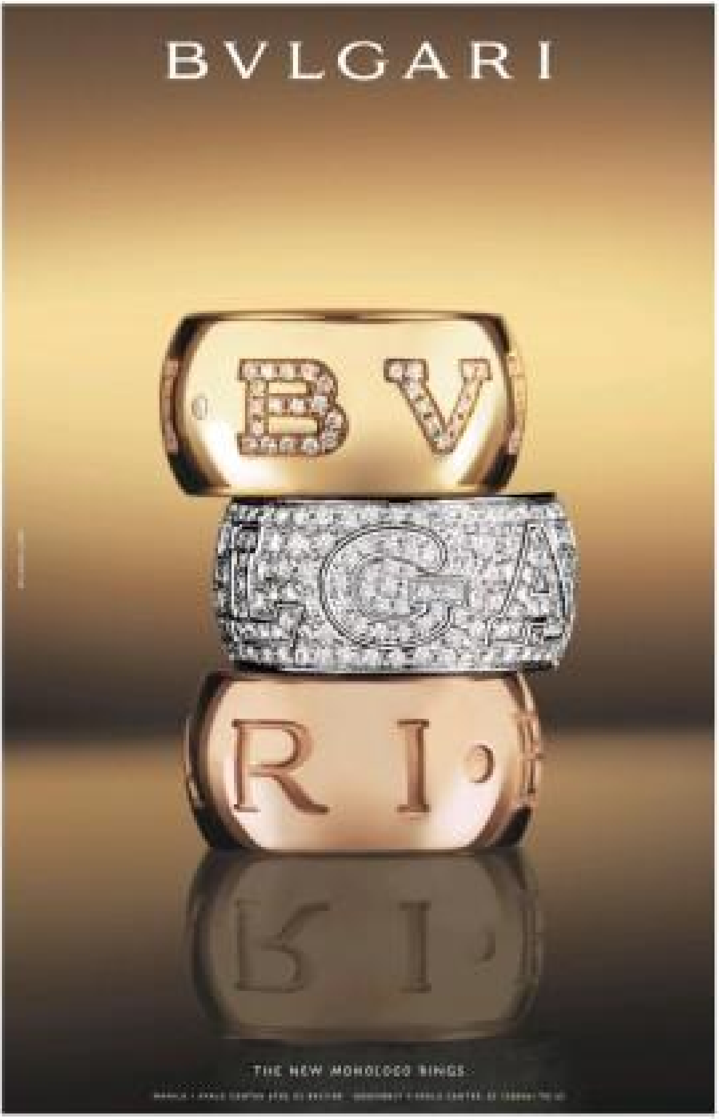
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How inflation is affecting hair salons

Cope by pampering

Low-maintenance styles



A Jewel of a Name





POLO SHIRT AS ARTISTS' CANVAS: Images by (from left) Thomas Demand, David Byrne, TJ. Wilcox, Thomas Ruff, Pedro Almodovar and Peter Lindbergh



A SAMPLE volume of Visionaire 54 Sport, with Karl Lagerfeld's portrait of his friend René Lacoste

Wear a magazine, read an alligator

Visionaire and Lacoste team up in four-volume magazine that pays tribute to sports, fashion and the vision of René Lacoste

By [illegible]

VISIONAIRE, THE SO-CALLED "haute couture of the publishing industry," will roll out its 54th issue, Sport, in September, a four-volume collaboration with the legendary French clothing brand Lacoste, which is marking its 75th year.

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Shirt as canvas

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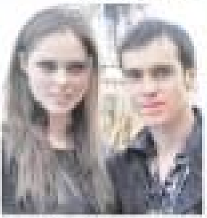
MICHAEL Stipe's image of a concert crowd will reportedly be reproduced for mass retail.



A "RUNWAY" image of Coco Rocha by painter Richard Phillips. The back bears her charcoal sketch of the supermodel.



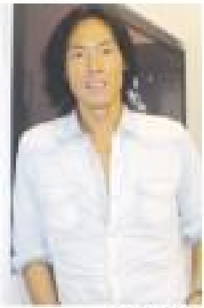
KARL Lagerfeld and Michel Lacoste at the Lacoste-Visionaire party



LACOSTE creative director Christophe Lemaire, who took his turn at the DJ table, with supermodel Coco Rocha



VISIONAIRE founders and creative directors James Kaliardos, Cecilia Dean and the Philippine-born Stephen Gan (right)



Wear a magazine ...

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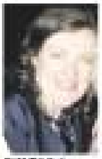
STEFANO Pilati of Yves Saint Laurent

ted item, and retailing at $250 each.

The Lacoste project comes on the heels of Visionaire's equally limited-edition tie-ups with high-end designer brands like Louis Vuitton, Hermes, Gucci, and Dior.

Working with an upper mid-end company like Lacoste should dispel any notion that the publication "is totally high-brow and snobbish," said Gan, creative director of Visionaire. He pointed out that the mag has previously worked with mass-market labels like Gap and Levi's.

"Any brand that has an integrity and is immediately identifiable, and it is what it is and doesn't try to be something else, these are the brands that attract me," Gan said in an interview at the Lacoste headquarters in Paris. "And these are the brands that, in the end, people gravitate toward. Our other rule is that we wouldn't work with a company [whose work] we wouldn't put in our backs. I've [been] wearing Lacoste all my life."



GLENDA Bailey, editor of US Harper's Bazaar

Gan added: "When we work with a company or brand, we approach it like you're sponsoring a gallery exhibition. You enable artists to express themselves and you try not to censor... We're a forum, in a forum you can't dictate... Lacoste is one of the few that have been very understanding of what the project is about. You could meet another company that just says, 'We do these numbers. We want you to put the numbers on the cover.' We can't really do that... It's not simple advertising, like buying a page."



LACOSTE rack with anniversary editions of the classics at the Roland-Garros gift shop



SAMPLE copies of Visionaire 54 in the Lacoste headquarters



THE LEGENDARY René Lacoste in a file photo included in the Visionaire exhibit at Roland-Garros

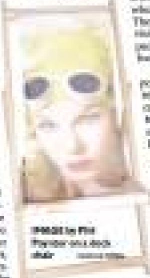
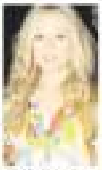


IMAGE by Phil Poynter on a deck chair



CELEBRITY stylist Rachel Zoe

cant for the thing we do. It's not only purely for photographers or visual artists. [It's for] anyone who creates an image. These are people we call visionaries. These are the people we do Visionaire for."

(An unconditional support, says Gan's bold red image of a tennis crowd has been chosen for reproduction, to be sold in mass retail in Lacoste stores.)

The partnership between the two brands, perhaps, isn't as offkilter or forced as one may imagine. One only has to look at the history of Lacoste to see why.

While the Lacoste name is synonymous today with the famous piqué polo shirt, it must be noted that its sporty roots: Founder wasn't only a champion tennis player but also a noted inventor and true visionary in his time.



ONE of René Lacoste's numerous inventions: The first steel racket

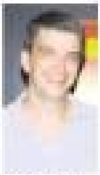
Inventor, innovator

René Lacoste, whose life is being remembered in an exhibit at the Tenniseum Roland-Garros Museum in Paris ("René Lacoste Visionnaire" until Nov. 30), registered 48 patents in his lifetime, including the first steel tennis racket used by the Kings of Jimmy Connors and sold several millions, the tennis ball-tossing machine, and of course, the polo shirt that popularized the family name worldwide.

It was his eldest son, Bernard, who built the name into a brand, while

René focused on his other interests: mechanics. Another son, Michel, is now president, following the death of Bernard in 2006. (In the Philippines, Lacoste is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc.)

René Lacoste also participated in the invention of the tests of the Concorde jet. Lacoste was an analytical man who seriously studied his own game and that of his opponents (his notebooks are included in the exhibit).

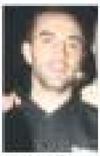


PHILIPPE Lacoste

"He wasn't physically the best, but he was really good in tactics, like a crocodile," noted Daniel Malomor, a guide at the Tenniseum.

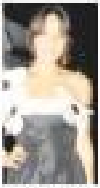
Lacoste belonged to a team of French tennis players called the "Four Musketeers," who won the Davis Cup in 1927. It was in their honor that the Roland-Garros stadium was built. Now the venue of the French Open, Roland-Garros is also celebrating its 80th anniversary.

It may be apocryphal, but it's believed that the Lacoste alligator icon began with a bet made by the Frenchman with his coach: if he won his match, his coach should buy him an alligator trunk. He lost, but his tenacity on the court would earn him the moniker. The symbol would first make an appearance on the athlete's jacket, a style that's being reissued this year.



GIVENCHY'S Riccardo Tisci

Lacoste created the cotton piqué polo shirt to replace the regulation long-sleeved and long pants uniform of tennis players in the 1920s, which were inconvenient and uncomfortable. It was unheard of and unacceptable at the time. But then again, most visionaries' ideas almost always are.



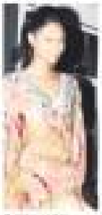
MARGHERITA Missoni

Collaborators

For No. 54, Visionaire enlisted fashion and art photographers Nick Knight, Thomas Demand, Peter Lindbergh, Thomas Ruff, Phil Poynter; painters Richard Phillips and TJ Wilcox; frequent Visionaire collaborators Inez van Lamsweerde and Vinoodh Matadin; and Michael Amzalag and Mathias Augustyniak of M/M, a Paris graphic design firm.

The collaborators also include rather unlikely names: the musician David Byrne, Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar and R.E.M. frontman Michael Stipe.

Karl Lagerfeld, who has photographed some of Chanel's print campaigns, is also in the roster.



SUPERMODEL Chanel Iman

"I'm one of those pop-cultural people who always want to throw in a celebrity that's big in another field," Gan explained. "It's interesting to know what they do on the side."

In fact, he said, it was another musician, David Bowie, who breathed the idea of reviving the 1930s tradition of album/portfolio/magazine collectibles in the early years of Visionaire. Injecting pop culture into the mix, therefore, "is very impor-

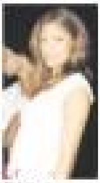


VOGUE'S Hamish Bowles and Christian Louboutin





PUNK-ROCK band Sacrograd



EVA Mendes





SCENES from the by-invitation party to launch the Lacoste-Visionaire collaboration at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. The artists' images were reproduced on deck umbrellas and chairs on the yacht La Pagodes.

Hospital sets forum on beauty, cosmetic surgery issues

TO HELP CONSUMERS further understand cosmetic dermatology procedures and how they can achieve beauty and wellness in today's busy world, the Asian Hospital and Medical Center will conduct "Asian Beauty and Health Secrets Revealed" on July 26 to 28, 4/F, Training of the Asian Hospital and Medical Center, Muntinlupa.

The three-day symposium aims to educate participants on current procedures on physical enhancement and the safety issues, the importance of nutrition, sleep, and exercise for wellbeing, the latest trends in eye care, and sports rehabilitation.

The first day of the symposium will touch on Lifestyle Dermatology which will walk participants through the different cosmetic dermatology procedures and the ways by which they can achieve beautiful yet healthy skin.

Medical experts from Asian Hospital and Medical Center will tackle the difference between dermatologists and pseudodermatologists, and also hair care, skin care, skin pigmentation and allergies, acne problems, wrinkle removal, laser, glutathione skin whitening, facial rejuvenation, fat removal, and trends in cosmetic dentistry.

The second day will tackle bariatric surgery, body contouring, and [illegible] implants.

The symposium will also dwell on other wellness topics such as sleep, proper nutrition, diabetic management, [illegible] treatment, and golf performance training and sports rehabilitation.

Admission is free. For details, call the Marketing Department of the Asian Hospital and Medical Center at 7719000 to 02 local 8808 or 8073.

Or email marketing@asianhospital.com. Visit the Asian Hospital and Medical Center website at www.asianhospital.com.

Going On

Starmall events

CASA LIBRE BAR AND Restaurant is looking for a band that would rock the audience as they dine and listen to music. Band auditions happen every Thursday, 8 p.m., at Casa Libre Starmall Edsa.

Join Starmall's Voice of a Star. Auditions are held every Wednesday and Friday, 4 p.m., at the activity area of Starmall Edsa.

Your favorite stars will have mall tours every Sunday, 4 p.m. at the mall's activity area: Sharon [illegible] on July 13, Chad Peralta July 20, and Ronnie Liang, July 27.

Free livelihood courses are held every Saturday, 2 p.m., at the 2nd floor activity area. Topics are: Perfume making, July 12; [illegible], July 19; and Cake decoration, July 26. Call [illegible].

'Mr. 168' talks about how he broke shopping rules



OLIVIA Limpe-Aw, Asian Dragon publisher

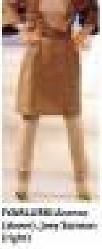


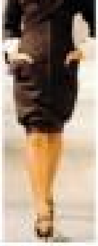
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Solid colors reign in FDCP show





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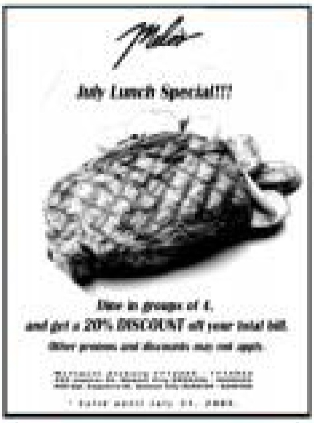


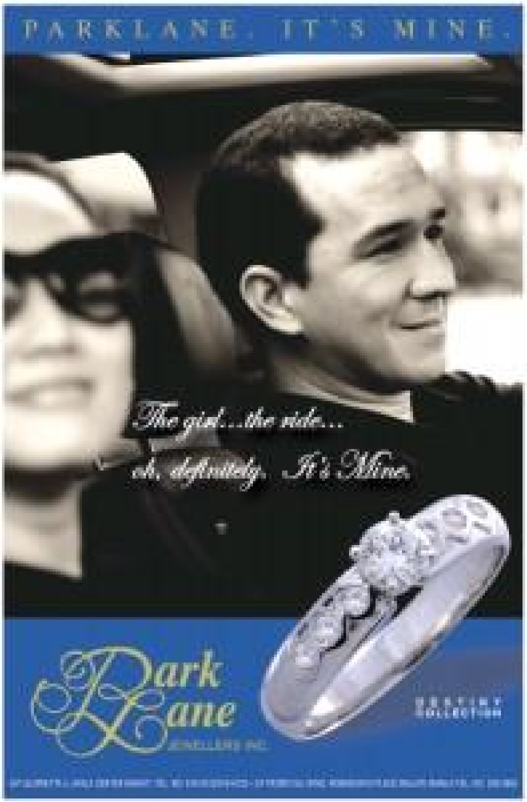

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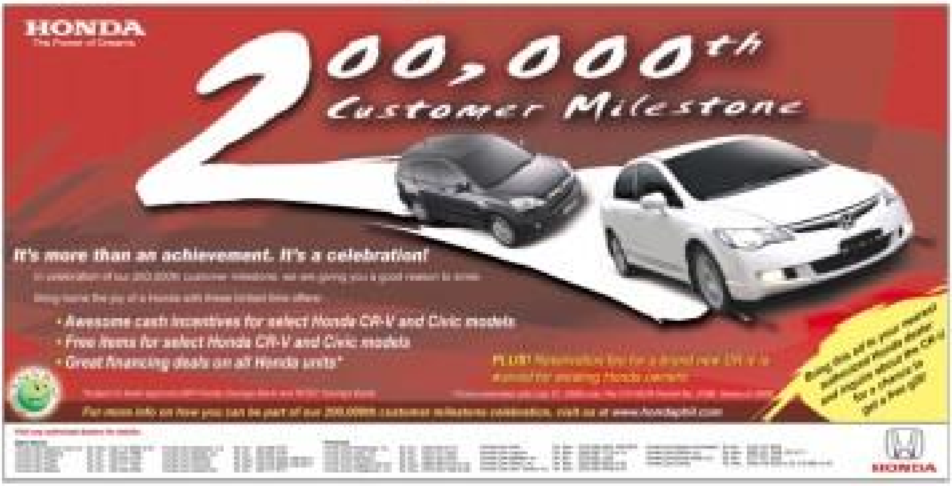
Is the Philippines ready for fashion reality TV?

"THEY'RE ALL good... But I'm way better."

Make way for (catty as the original?) 'Project Runway'









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Davao's grand dame turns 60



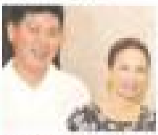
WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



















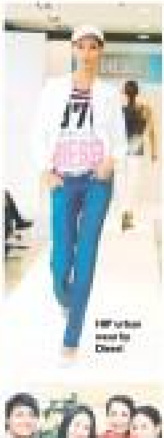


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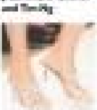
Night of Italian fashion

Inner Wheel Manila is 60















Iconic shoe gets a new look

SALVATORE Ferragamo Varina shoes





SHORT-SLEEVE sleep-tee and printed set in soft pink and gray



STRAPPY striped night dress

Sleep in style

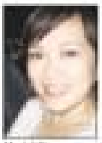
Is the Philippines ready for fashion reality TV?

BEAUTY LIFESTYLE

How to stay pretty while being sporty

Christine and Clarice Patrimonio, athlete daughters of Alvin Patrimonio, share their beauty secrets

NEW YORK—IN COLLEGE, way before my glitzy years as a full-time beauty editor, friends regarded me as the "sporty one"—perennially clad in trainers, T-shirts and shorts.





CLARICE Patrimonio

How to stay pretty while being sporty

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says Christine. "And we choose the one with the highest SPF during the day." Their sunscreen arsenal includes picks from Nivea, Avene, Coppertone and Clinique. "I also tell them to slather lotion every night," adds Cindy.

Combat annoying blemishes. With all the sweat and sun exposure (plus jetlag when traveling for tournaments), how do the girls deal with breakouts? "Hindi ako nagbabago ng sabon," shares Cindy. "But you [still] have to moisturize afterwards." [Rule: when trying out a new product, always test on a small area first to rule out any allergic reactions.]

Get enough sleep. The benefits of sleep are numerous, among them muscle and tissue repair, stress relief and simply feeling and looking well-rested. For the Patdusons, living in Spain means they officially get their siesta [afternoon nap] daily. Christine has her routine down pat: "After playing tennis in the morning, I do weights. And then I take a nap."

Try out fragrances. Body chemistry plays a big part in finding the right fragrance. For regular gym-goers and athletes, perfume poses a tricky dynamic when it comes to one's post-workout smell. "I advise the girls to wear a light cologne after training," says Cindy, whose two girls wear Victoria's Secret Body Splash in Love Spell. "We also like DKNY Be Delicious (the original) and Chanel Chance," shares Christine. The young athletes switch to deeper scents like Sunflower Heroes and Armani Acqua when it gets cooler outside.



CLARICE already posed her first modeling job, as an international swap model at 14 with her long limbs, classic face and gorgeous caramel complexion.



CHRISTINE Patdusons

Marid Chua is the former beauty editor of Cosmopolitan, Seventeen, and UK Magazine. She is now based in New York City. Visit MyMouthStar.com.

New Culinary Programs Director at AICA Molds Aspiring Chefs

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Why exfoliating is a must



SANDRA Lachin, Ramon's marketing manager

NAME: SANDRA LACHIN

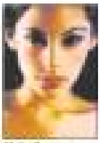
Age: 26

Occupation: Ramon's marketing manager

With your experience in the beauty division of Ramon, what is the best tip you have picked up from the beauty experts?

"I've discovered that it is very important to exfoliate the face once or twice a week while maintaining every day. This removes dead skin cells and results in a cleaner, smoother finish for make-up application.

"Without exfoliating, dead and dry skin clings to foundation once it's applied, leaving a patchy finish. Many of the makeup brands I handle stress this as an important part of the weekly beauty regimen, and I second this. I've adopted this beauty routine, and it really makes a difference."



Make Every...

MEGA EXPANSION TO OPEN IN OCTOBER

Mega's growing much more with the addition of the SM Megamall Atrium, which is scheduled to open this October. A first look at this exciting new lifestyle area was recently presented at the site in Ortigas Center.

The 15,000 square meter addition to the existing Megamall is located near Dona Julia Vargas Avenue, and when completed will fully bridge the gap between Mega A and B. With Megamall being a linear development that spans more than half a kilometer, the Atrium is envisioned to be a center of respite and relaxation. Its strategic central location provides a convenient stop for mall visitors to relax and literally catch their breath while enjoying shopping at upmarket stores and dining at specialty restaurants.

Upscale retail shops and restaurants are planned around a circular atrium with an area of 882 square meters. Access to the center is designed to offer an air of desire and surprise. Off the existing bridgeway, the visitor approaches the center through a low-ceiling hallway that widens towards the cylindrical skylight.

Dynamic non-concentric circles on the floor are achieved with the application of yellow tiles of varied hues. An equally dynamic skylight design matches the non-concentric circles in the floor. The curved patterns ripple out beyond the atrium area on both floors and ceilings to great consistency and harmony to the general look of the center.

The deep end of fifth level of the SM Megamall Atrium will be the site of the 1,085 square meter Chapel of the Eucharistic Lord. The grand chapel with a separate adoration chapel has a modern design with the Eucharistic as the focal point. This is highlighted in the neo-classical details of the altar with the crucified Christ at the center, which is in sharp contrast to the modern theme of the rest of the chapel.

The color scheme of the area is earth inspired with a neutral palette. Finishes are similar to stones used in the Roman times, which gives the chapel a structurally monolithic presence with a soft and warm approach. Wood in its natural oil finish is the most common material, which will be used in the chapel.

With the addition of the Atrium, the mall building façade is treated to be harmonious with the recently complete exterior makeover in which an extra feature color of perforated aluminum panels are added to replace the existing Megamall logo boxes.

These exciting plans were presented during the recent Tenant Preview which included an AVP presentation, and a tour to the mall for prospective locators.

Among the tenants present were Ben Chan of Bench, Elizabeth Quiambao of Slim Specialists, Fredo Ong and Lillian Roo of Lucuda Pochekas, Vic Manuel of Body Shop, John La Roo of French Baker, Antonio Lim of Shopeda, Enrique Lopez of Starbucks, and Teresita Panganiban of Haagen Dazs.

They were welcomed by SM officials led by SM Prime Holdings President Hans T. Sy, SCMC President Annie Garcia, VP for Leasing Daisy Chua, and AVP Lisa Marie.

The Atrium will be an exciting addition to the 330,000 square meter SM Megamall which is one of the world's largest malls. Megamall, which opened in 1991, is said to have spearheaded the malling phenomenon in the Philippines with its size, world class designs and new concepts including an Ice Skating Rink, the Artwalk and Art Center, and the Megatrade Hall. The Atrium adds an upscale concept to the mall.

The SM Megamall Atrium's design team includes Arquitectonica, Mall Designer; W.V. Coscolluela and Associates, Architects; Monolith Construction and Development Corporation, General Contractor; and DB Abonda and Associates, Project Manager. It is scheduled to open in October 2008.



A total of 1,097.30 sq meters will be added to SM Megamall's facade for the continuity of the look of the building.



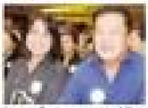
SM Prime Holdings president Hans Sy with French Baker general manager John La Roo, Mirosi's Coffee president Alfred Lao and Mirosi Group of Companies president George Mirosi.



SM Prime Holdings president Hans Sy and SCMC president Annie Garcia with Bench owner Ben Chan and SM Leasing's Daisy Concepcion and Bryan Lao.



The SM Megamall Expansion Atrium fits the need for multiple activities and access to the center is designed to offer an air of desire and surprise.



Lucuda Pochekas owners Lillian Roo and Fredo Ong



Located in the fifth level of SM Megamall Expansion, The Chapel of the Eucharistic Lord is a grand chapel with a separate adoration chapel.



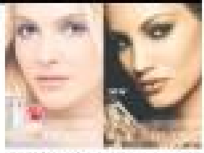
The new look of the SM Megamall at Julia Vargas will be regarded as one of Manila's most well-known dining and entertainment strips boasting a variety of events and offering the most delectable variety of cuisine in its many restaurants.

New looks for nails, cheeks and eyes

MAKEOVER 911

Kimay Sabar





New shampoo takes care of colored hair



Assumption stages 'Romeo and Juliet' to mark its jubilee celebration



SOME of the cast members of "Romeo and Juliet"

GOINGS ON

Asian media meet at Manila Hotel, UST

Management and personality enhancement workshop

St. Mary's College alumni homecoming

Archeology talk at Lopez Museum

Rainy day sale

Fashion event

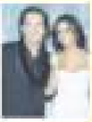
Ever Bilena at Starmall

LIVING Stars

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

It's a boy!

LOS ANGELES—MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY'S MODEL GIRLfriend, Camila Alves, has given birth to their first child, a 7-pound, 4-ounce (3.30-kg) boy. Alves, 26, delivered Monday night in California and named the child Levi, McConaughey's publicist, Alan Nierob, said in an e-mail Tuesday to The Associated Press. The 38-year-old actor told OK! magazine: "Now comes the greatest adventure ... raising a child, together." AP



BEA SAW

WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, I LIKED reading romance novels. When I became a college student, I turned to reading self-help books. Now, I'm into inspirational and scholastic books. I like Malcolm Gladwell's "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" and Yann Martel's "The Life of Pi." I'm also very much into Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter's "Guide to Investing: What the Rich and Middle Class Do Not." Lastly, I'm so proud of the song book that a group of fans gave me. *Marlead B. Cruz*





APOL, A SHIH TZU, IS THE OLDEST OF MY THREE DOGS. Kenzk, a Maltese, is my second daughter. Queenie, a Yorkie, is the youngest. I bathe them twice a week and feed them once a day. They are used to having guests in the house, so they're very friendly. Even strangers can make them sit on their lap. *Marlead B. Cruz*



John Lloyd's payback day

JOHN LLOYD CRUZ celebrated his 25th birthday in Pampanga, bringing food and other items for families in Barangay Planas, Porac.

He visited the RVM Sisters' House, Kamandag Health Village Center and Kamandag Village Elementary School.

For the children, he had schoolbags packed with supplies. In the afternoon, the actor, who is also the new Greenwich endorser, joined the kids for snacks of pizza and pasta.

"I realized that much remains to be done for our countrymen who need help," John Lloyd said.

The community thanked him with handmade birthday cards. He said, "I should thank you—you made my day."

JOHN LAPUS

Why they're calling her Sunday Rose

CHEER FACTOR

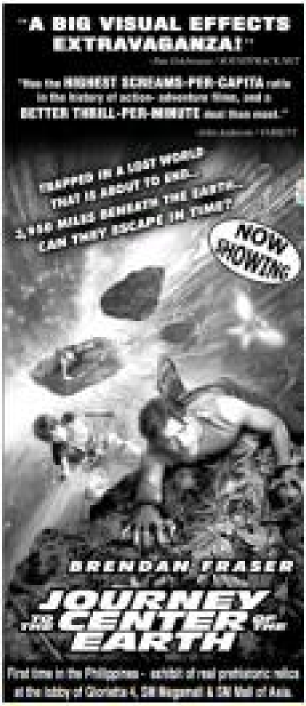


NICOLE Kidman and husband Keith Urban at the recent 43rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

CANBERRA—THE mystery of Oscar-winner Nicole Kidman's name choice for her daughter has reportedly been solved, with Kidman's father saying "Sunday Rose" was inspired by an Australian art patron ...

His name

Reuters



Rocker *chic*

Pretty vegan shows off her collections

AN ENTIRE ROOM ON THE second floor of her family's three-story house has been converted into a walk-in closet for GMA 7 star Yasmien Kurdi.

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WELCOME to her crammed closet.

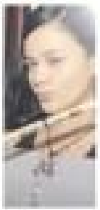


BELT features rock icons.

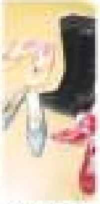
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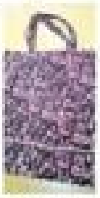
HOODED jacket is comfy, she says.



DRUMSTICK is a souvenir from INK drummer Jon Farias.

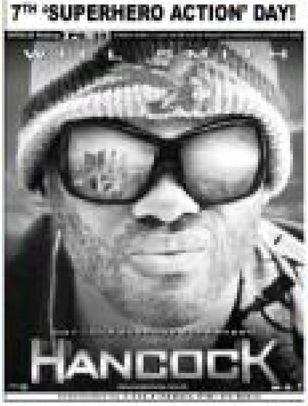


VARIED footwear collection, from flip-flops to boots, from slip-ons to sneakers.



ROCK 'n' roll beach bag is a favorite.









Editor: Bernie G. Velarde

ENTERTAINMENT

DID YOU KNOW...



Award for RP scriptwriter

Asian-Arab film festival in New Delhi cites Jose F. Lacaba's 'distinguished contribution to cinema'

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



LACABA



WITH

Cinemalaya opens tonight

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

CINEMALAYA / H3





HEART Evangelista: I changed all my numbers.

'Finished' with Echo

By Marinel R. Cruz

Finished

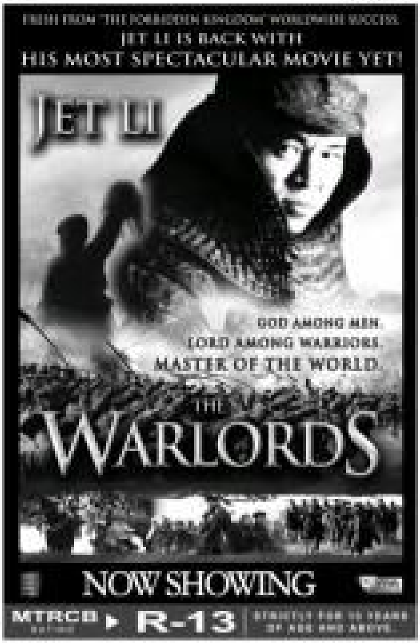






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'Finished' with Echo

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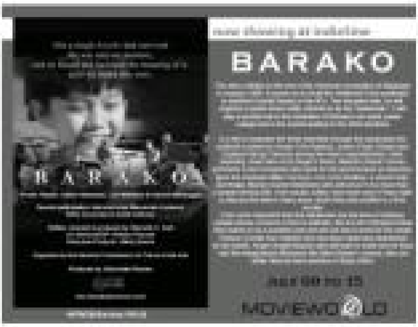
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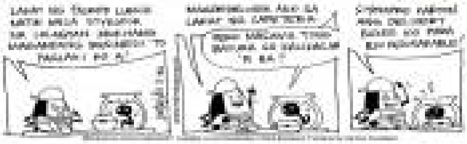
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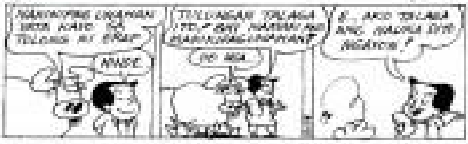


Comic Relief

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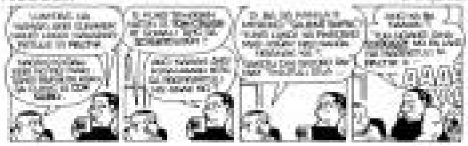
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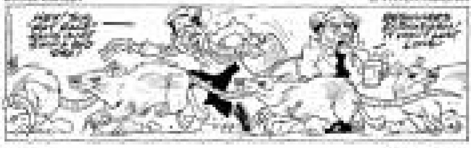
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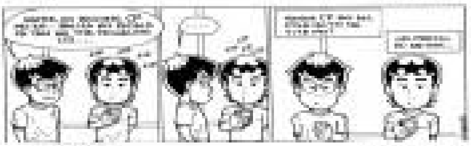


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BY JIM DAVIS



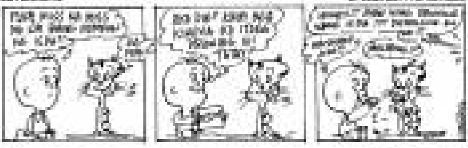
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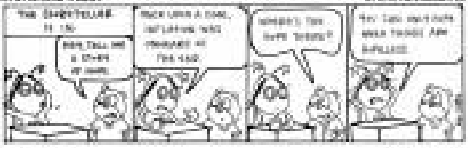


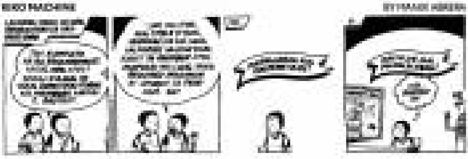
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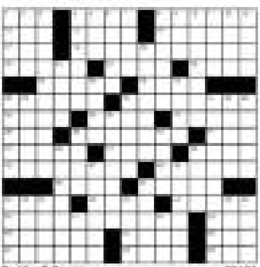


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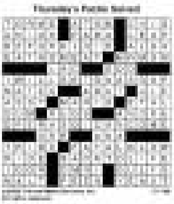
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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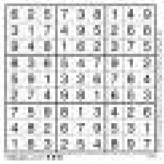
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



At ease in Greece with Meryl Streep

Only IN Hollywood



Ruben V. Nepales



Full musical role

> 'It's no stretch to think of Meryl's performance in Oscar terms, ranking with such previous musical winners as Liza Minnelli, Barbra Streisand and Catherine Zeta-Jones.'—Hollywood Reporter

Outrageous costumes

Meaningful lyrics

Big moment

Pangasinan women vs 'Urduja' portrayal